

We make a living by what we

GET

We make **A LIFE**

by what we give.

Winston Churchill



Utah Youth Summit

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Utah Youth Conference on Service

At this annual event almost 100 youth from

through out the state of Utah learned how to **"get a life"**! The Conference was held August 2-4 at the University of Utah. The theme was "You make a living by what you get and make a life by what you give."

This year the conference was a great success thanks to new partnerships with the Utah Campus Compact, Utah State Office of Education, and the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center at the U of U. A special thanks goes out to the AWESOME SSUN (Students Serving Utah Network) reps who served as team leaders and mentors to the participants!

Service Scramble Web Sites :

Arc of Utah: www.arcutah.org
Arthritis Foundation: www.arthritis.org
Cancer Wellness House: www.cancer-wellness.org
Children's Service Society of Utah: www.cssutah.org
Crossroads Urban Center: www.crossroads-u-c.org
4th Street Clinic: www.fourthstreetclinic.org
The Road Home: www.theroadhome.org
Tree Utah: www.treeutah.org
United Way: www.uw.org
Utah Historical Society: <http://history.utah.gov>
Wasatch Comm. Gardens: www.wasatchgardens.org

Access these sites and get out and serve. These organizations and your communities need you!

Cool Quotes from the Utah Youth Summit

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success. -Henry Ford

What lies behind us and what lies in front of us are little compared to what lies within us.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

NEVER LET THE OLD PERSON TAKE OVER YOUR BODY. -VERN LARSEN, USOE

More than winning for ourselves is winning for someone else.

It takes a lot of small ripples to make a big wave.

Youth Service Spotlight Youth Employ-Ability Services

Youth Employ-Ability Services (YES) is a Salt Lake County program that strives to prepare youth to achieve greater success by enhancing their contribution to our community. YES provides educational and career opportunities and encourages initiative, responsibility and confidence in youth through mentoring and advocacy by dedicated and caring staff.

The YES program sent a team of three youth and one advisor to the Utah Youth Conference on Service at the University of Utah August 2-4, 2004. At the conference the team learned about leadership skills and service opportunities in their community. This knowledge has already been put to good use. A week after attending the conference one of the team members, Chavela, decided that she wanted to do a service project with Crossroads Urban Center (one of the organizations that we went to visit during the conference). She called and arranged for us to come the following Wednesday to help unload truckloads of food. Normally one man and his nephew bring 8 truckloads of food. It can take all day to load the truck at the food bank and unload it at Crossroads. The YES team was able to help them unload several truckloads in just a few short hours. The YES Advisor, Erin Herzog said this of the Chavela, the team member who set up the service project, "I was really impressed with Chavela and her desire to do service. Normally I am the one that makes all the arrangements for service projects, but she was so excited that she made the arrangements, as well as called several of the youth to come participate."

The YES youth have also been involved in many different service projects such as preparing an Easter egg hunt and Easter activities for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, sorting food at the Utah Food Bank, and helping run field day activities for disabled children at Camp Kostopolous. YES youth will continue to serve by participating in activities with the elderly for Make a Difference Day in October and participating with their families in National Family Volunteer Day in November. The YES youth have a great desire to serve and are making a difference in their community! THANKS YES for serving!

The Yackity-YAC is published by the Utah Commission on Volunteers. Please share this newsletter with anyone you know who is interested in youth service in Utah. For more information or for an event or item to submit for publishing consideration please contact Teresa at 1-888-755-UTAH or yes@utahspromise.org



Utah's Promise

Upcoming Events

Be involved! Continue to make a difference in your community!

STEPPIN' IT UP TOUR 2004

SSUN Bus Tour, September 16-17, 2004

"My main goal right now is to become more of a well-rounded swimmer. I don't want to get too specific, but... I want to start **stepping it up.**" - Michael Phelps

Prior to this Summer's Olympic Games in Athens, Michael Phelps referred to "STEPPING IT UP" and that is exactly what he did obtaining 8 Olympic medals in swimming. Like Michael Phelps, students across America are "STEPPIN' IT UP" and becoming more civically engaged, according to Utah Campus Compact (UCC), an organization devoted to promoting service-learning at Utah's universities and colleges.

On Sept. 16th and 17th, student body presidents, campus staff, service leaders, and community partners from every college and university in the state will call upon students to "STEP IT UP" through connecting academic coursework with vital community issues.

Members of the Students Serving Utah Network (SSUN), will participate in a 2 day-long, state-wide Marathon Fun Bus Tour and will stop at each Utah college and university campus. Highlights of the tour will include a "STEPPIN' IT UP" Fun Run Friday morning at Snow College and recognition of the campaign during halftime of the Utah-Utah State football game Saturday night.

Rallies will be held on every college and university campus in the state. The purpose of the "STEPPIN' IT UP" campaign is to advance service learning and promote civic engagement. The bus tour will be spending 30 minutes at each campus!

Tour Schedule (time bus will arrive):

Southern Utah University:	Thurs. Sept. 16~5 pm
Dixie State College:	Thurs. Sept 16~7 pm
Snow College: (including fun run)	Fri. Sept 17~5-8 am
College of Eastern Utah:	Fri. Sept 17~10:10 am
Brigham Young University:	Fri. Sept 17~12:20 pm
Utah Valley State College:	Fri. Sept 17~1 pm
Salt Lake Community College:	Fri. Sept 17~2:15 pm
Utah College of Applied Technology:	Fri. Sept 17~3pm
LDS Business College:	Fri. Sept 17~3:20 pm
University of Utah:	Fri. Sept 17~4:15 pm
Westminster College:	Fri. Sept 17~4:55 pm
Weber State University:	Fri. Sept 17 6 pm
Utah State University:	Fri. Sept 17 7:45 pm
Football game:	Sat. Sept 18 5 pm

Support your local college or university and learn how to be involved! Attend the rally nearest you!

National Days of Service



One Day's Pay

Sept. 11-One Day's Pay

www.onedayspay.org • We encourage people everywhere to set aside time every September 11 to help others in need in honor of those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against America. Join thousands of others who are taking the One Day's Pay pledge to observe 9/11 this year by helping others in need -- volunteer, give blood, make a donation to a charity, give something away, or just help friend, neighbor or relative. It's entirely up to you.

Oct. 23 -Make a Difference Day

<http://www.makeadifferenceday.com>

A National day to help others designed to inspire and reward volunteers. Everyone who helps others on this day and submits an entry form is eligible for a national or local award and for a cash donation to a charitable cause. Plan now to make a difference on Oct. 23!



PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Got a service project you always wanted to put into action but never could afford. Here's your chance to receive funding for a service-learning project.

The Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant is now available to teachers/professors, **youth (ages 5-25)**, and school-based service-learning coordinators to implement service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day 2005, April 15-17.

National Youth Service Day mobilizes youth as leaders to identify and address the needs of their communities through service and service-learning, supports youth on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement, and educates the public, the media, and policy-makers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders.

One hundred grants of \$1,000 are available to **youth**, teachers/professors, and school-based service-learning coordinators. To apply, take advantage of the online application at www.ysa.org. Submit a complete application by October 18, 2004.

Don't wait any longer! Make plans now for a super service project today!